



# DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

**Ashburton Drive** PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's Address

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Welcome to the start of another exciting year at Ashburton Drive Primary School!

I hope all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that the holidays provided time to recharge and spend time together. It has been wonderful to see our students return to school with so much enthusiasm, smiling faces, and a real sense of excitement for the year ahead.

A special welcome to all of our new students and families joining our school community in 2026. We are so pleased to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you throughout the year.

The beginning of the year is always a busy time as students settle into new classrooms, routines, and learning goals. Our staff have been working hard to ensure a smooth and positive start for everyone, and we are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We value the strong partnership we share with our families and community, and we look forward to working together throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to 2026!

### Ministerial Visit – Wednesday 4th

On Wednesday 4th, we were pleased to welcome the Hon. Sabine Winton, Minister for Education, to Ashburton Drive Primary School.

The visit was part of her interest in our involvement in the Connected Community Schools trial and provided an opportunity to highlight the important work being done to strengthen partnerships between schools, families, and community services.

The Minister spent time in classrooms, spoke with students and staff, and saw firsthand the wonderful teaching and learning taking place across our school. She also experienced the positive culture and strong community spirit that makes Ashburton Drive Primary School such a special place.

Our students represented the school beautifully, demonstrating confidence, pride, and enthusiasm in sharing their learning.

We thank Minister Winton for taking the time to visit and for her ongoing support of public education and our school community.

### Thank You

Big thanks to the Daintith family for their very generous donation of 21 bags of icy poles to support the Year 6 fundraiser. Your kindness and assistance are greatly appreciated and contribute to all the wonderful events in the Year 6 calendar.

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### School Hours

Monday – Friday

8:45am – 2:45pm

Recess: 10:55am – 11:15am

Lunch: 1:15pm – 1:45pm

Final Bell: 2:45pm

## Dates To Remember

### Friday 27 February

- Clean up Australia Day

### Monday 2 March

- Labour Day – Public Holiday

### Friday 6 March

- Newsletter – Room 8
- Assembly – Room 13 & 14

### Monday 16 March

- Parent Teacher Meetings – 8:45am – 2.45pm

### Week 6 & 7

- NAPLAN

### Week 7

- Harmony Week

### Friday 20 March

- Newsletter – Room 12



## Parent Interviews – Monday 16th March

A reminder to all families that Monday 16th March will be our scheduled Parent Interview Day.

On this day, parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher for a 10-minute interview to discuss learning goals, progress, and how we can continue working together to support your child throughout the year.

A timetable will be sent out shortly, allowing families to book a suitable time with their child's teacher.

Please note that students will not be on site on this day, as teachers will be conducting interviews throughout the day.

We encourage all families to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

## Welcome Back Day Celebration

It was wonderful to see so many families, students, and community members attend our Welcome Back Day recently.

The afternoon was a fantastic opportunity to come together as a school community, reconnect after the holidays, and celebrate the beginning of a new school year. It was lovely to see students proudly showing their families around the school, meeting new classmates, and settling into their learning spaces.

A special thank you to our P&C for providing the sausage sizzle, and to the education officials and community groups who joined us and helped make the day such a success.

We appreciate the strong support we receive from our families and wider community, and we look forward to another positive and successful year ahead at Ashburton Drive Primary.



## Communication at Ashburton Drive Primary School

At Ashburton Drive Primary School, we value clear and consistent communication with our families. Strong partnerships between home and school are essential to supporting student success.

Throughout the year, we will communicate with families in a number of ways:

- **School Newsletter** – Sent out regularly to keep you informed about upcoming events, important dates, and school updates.
- **Connect / Classroom Communication** – Teachers will use this platform to share classroom news, reminders, and learning information.
- **SMS Notifications** – Used for important reminders, attendance follow-ups, and urgent messages.
- **School Website & Social Media** – Celebrating student achievements and sharing key information with our wider community.
- **Front Office** – Our friendly office staff are always available to assist with general enquiries.

We encourage families to check these platforms regularly and ensure your contact details are kept up to date with the office, so you don't miss important information.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. We value open communication and look forward to working together throughout the year.



## Road Safety at Drop Off and Pick Up

The safety of our students is always our highest priority, particularly during busy drop off and pick up times.

We kindly ask all families to take extra care when driving near the school. Please adhere to parking signs, avoid stopping in no-standing zones, and refrain from double parking. These rules are in place to keep everyone safe and to ensure traffic flows smoothly. Thank you for working together to ensure a safe environment for all of our students and families.

## Staffing

Farewell to Mrs Heady

We would like to wish Mrs Heady a very fond farewell as she finishes her role as our Manager of Corporate Services. Mrs Heady has made a valuable contribution to Ashburton Drive Primary School, and we thank her for her dedication and support to our staff, students, and wider school community.

As announced last year, Miss Condro also moved on to a new opportunity at the end of 2025. We thank her for her work and commitment to our school community and wish her all the very best.

As we move through this transition, please be aware that our front office will be staffed by relief team members while new processes are run. We kindly ask families to be patient and understanding during this time, as staff work hard to support the day-to-day running of the school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## Avenues for Information

Please stay up to date with the latest information by ensuring you are connected to Connect. Both the Primary School and P&C are on Facebook. Please find us there for updates and notices. The school website can be found at <https://www.ashburtondriveps.wa.edu.au/>

Kind Regards

Heather Fallo

Principal

## Connected Community School Trial

The Connected Community School trial has now officially commenced. From this term onward, we have a dedicated Connected Community team, including a Program Coordinator, Social Worker, and Administration Assistant. Two social work placement students have also joined us this semester to assist the team, and our school chaplain has been increased to full-time.

Being a Connected Community School is not just about bringing external services into our school. It's about how we all work together to ensure our students are supported academically, socially and emotionally.

The trial aims to ensure families can easily access community health and social services, while improving students' educational and well-being outcomes beyond the classroom. It also aims to strengthen ties between our school and the community by developing partnerships and the use of school facilities after hours with community groups and organisations.

Our families are important contributors and need to be part of every stage for this trial to be successful. That is why it was so important to ask our families what we do well and where they would like us to provide additional help. Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who completed the survey at the end of last year for us.

Some of the key results of the last survey are below, and we will continue to share updates as the project progresses.

- The services families indicated they most need are social, community and health services, food support programs and healthy eating workshops.
- 40% of families indicated that it is hard for them to currently access services
- Of the families who found it hard to currently access services, the leading factors in what made it hard are the cost of living, being busy with work/ family and not sure where to go for help.
- Families indicated that accessing services would be easier if hosted on the school's site.



# 2026 Term 1 - Parent Planner

If you would like a copy of our 2026 term 1 parent planner you can download a copy from our website: <https://www.ashburtondriveps.wa.edu.au> Parent Planner Term 1

		<b>Ashburton Drive Primary School</b> <b>2026 Term 1 Planner: Parent</b> Updated on – (24.02.2026)					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	26 January <b>Australia Day</b>	27 January	28 January *Clast Lists will be on display – on the junior basketball court – 10.30am-3pm Wed-Fri & Monday 2/2/26.	29 January *Clast Lists will be on display – on the junior basketball court - 10am-3pm Wed-Fri.	30 January *Uniform Shop OPEN – 9.00am–12.00pm *Clast Lists will be on display – on the junior basketball court 10am-3pm Wed-Fri.		
<b>1</b>	2 February <b>Students Resume</b> *Uniform Shop OPEN – 8.30am-9.15am *Clast Lists will be on display – on the junior basketball court – 8am-3pm Mon. *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	3 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	4 February *Kindy - Unit 1B	5 February *Kindy - Unit 1B	6 February *Kindy - Unit 1B		
<b>2</b>	9 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	10 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	11 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	12 February *Kindy - Unit 1B	13 February *Kindy - Unit 1B		
<b>3</b>	16 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	17 February *Welcome Back Day Evening & P&C *Chinese New Year *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	18 February *Peter Combe Music Concert PP -Yr 4 – 11am *Ramadan 18/2/26 – 19/3/26 *Kindy - Unit 1B	19 February *Kindy - Unit 1B	20 February *Kindy - Unit 1B *Newsletter - Room 15 *Assembly – Student Leaders		
<b>4</b>	23 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	24 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	25 February *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	26 February *Kindy - Unit 1B	27 February *Clean up Australia Day *Kindy - Unit 1B		
<b>5</b>	2 March <b>Labour Day</b>	3 March *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	4 March *Kindy - Unit 1B	5 March *Kindy - Unit 1B	6 March *Kindy - Unit 1B *Newsletter – Room 8 *Assembly – Room 13 & 14		
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<b>7</b>	16 March *Parent-Teacher Meetings 8.:45am – 2.45pm	17 March *NAPLAN *Harmony Week 16–22 *Harmony Week P&C - March BBQ & Activities *St Patricks Day P&C *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	18 March *NAPLAN *Kindy - Unit 1B	19 March *NAPLAN *Kindy - Unit 1B	20 March *NAPLAN *Kindy - Unit 1B *Newsletter – Room 12		
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<b>9</b>	30 March *R&P Wellbeing Week *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	31 March *Kindy - Unit 1A *Kindy - Unit 2A	1 April *Kindy - Unit 1B	2 April *Last day of term 4 *PBS Reward Day – Yr1-Yr6 *Kindy - Unit 1B *Newsletter – Room 7 *Assembly – ANZAC	3 April <b>Good Friday</b>		

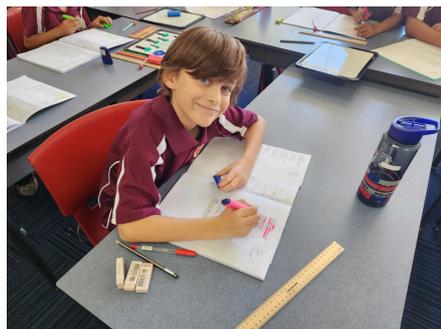
## Room 15 - Year 4 Update

We've had a fantastic start to the year in Room 15, and I'm so excited to be part of the Ashburton Drive Primary School community. The students have settled in beautifully and are showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

In literacy, we've begun our new Word Origins program, helping students explore morphemes, phonemes and the etymology of words! We are also diving into poetry through The Fetid Lair, using the Talk for Writing approach to build understanding, creativity, and confidence with language.

In numeracy, students have been investigating place value, with a strong focus on reading, writing, and working with five-digit numbers. It's been wonderful to see their thinking deepen as they explain and apply their learning.

We're off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to an exciting year ahead!



# Merit Certificate Winners - Week 3 Term 1

Ayana	Gibran	Ivy	Druella-Rose	Te Amo-Lee	Holly	Blake
Aurora	Eden	Sulaiman	Axel	Dara	Martin	Irah
Kaere	Lucas	Tiana	Liam	Sarah	Sulequ	Adeeva
Lillian	Zyon	Ayva	Zyla	Bryelle	Makayla	Zoey
Nala	Cayden	Jackson	Blaine	Sienna	Isabella	Jayce
Mikayla	Zarif	Penny	April			

## Strickland Block

## Green Block



## Draffen Block



## Medallion



# Community News

**WE Hunt As One**

**CHAMPIONSHIP Series**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW**

**GAME 2 SUN 1 MARCH 1PM AWST**

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Child and Parent Centre Gosnells

## Balance & Boundaries Workshop

In this workshop, we take a look at how to take manage boundaries through positive parenting.

Explore parenting the generations, different parenting styles, how to apply warmth and boundaries, and using assertive discipline.

**FREE**

Date: Tuesday 17 March 2026  
Time: 12:30pm - 2:15pm  
Venue: Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells, 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (across via Gate 9 in Clara Street)  
Bookings: Bookings are essential! FREE Coche. Call 9398 8720 or email [cpccgosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:cpccgosnells@centrecare.com.au)

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## Toileting Workshop

How and when is the best time to take the 'plunge' into toilet training your toddler?

This interactive workshop will show you how best to approach this process and what skills are needed from both you and your child.

Suitable for children with neurotypical development.

**FREE**

Date: Monday 9 March 2026  
Time: 12:30pm to 2:15pm  
Venue: Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells, 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (across via Gate 9 in Clara Street)  
Contact: BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - Coche available. Call 9398 8720 or email [cpccgosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:cpccgosnells@centrecare.com.au)

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## The Power of Positive Parenting

Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well.

This workshop will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent.

**FREE**

Date: Monday 23 March 2026  
Time: 12:30pm to 2:15pm  
Venue: Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells, 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (across via Gate 9 in Clara Street)  
Contact: BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - Coche available. Call 9398 8720 or email [cpccgosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:cpccgosnells@centrecare.com.au)

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## Routines and Attendance Online Workshop

Discover why routines matter and how they make family life easier. Learn practical strategies to create routines that support your child's independence and wellbeing. We'll also cover why regular school attendance is essential, your responsibilities as a parent and tips to help your child attend every day.

Available as a **POWER HOUR: LUNCHTIME SESSION** (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) - see below.

**FREE**

Time: Power Hour: Lunchtime Session 12:00pm - 1:00pm Friday 20 March 2026  
Online - Scan the QR Code or type the link below:  
<https://hub.education.wa.gov.au/online-workshops/attendance-routines-workshop>  
Registration is essential via link/QR code above. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.

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## Spending Time Apart Online Workshop

All children learn to cope with temporary separations from their parents. Learning to be apart can be difficult for children and parents. This workshop gives suggestions to help you teach your child to be comfortable with others and separate calmly from you.

**FREE**

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday 10 March 2026  
Online - Scan the QR Code or type the link below:  
<https://hub.education.wa.gov.au/online-workshops/spending-time-apart-workshop>  
Registration is essential via link/QR code above. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.

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## The Power of Positive Parenting (in for 10 yrs) Online Workshop

Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well.

This seminar will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent.

**FREE**

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm Monday 23 March 2026  
Online - Scan the QR Code or type the link below:  
<https://hub.education.wa.gov.au/online-workshops/the-power-of-positive-parenting-workshop>  
Registration is essential via link/QR code above. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.

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## Learning to Use The Toilet (10-18 yrs) Online Workshop

Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.

**FREE**

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm Monday 23 February 2026  
Online - Scan the QR Code or type the link below:  
<https://hub.education.wa.gov.au/online-workshops/learning-to-use-the-toilet-workshop>  
Registration is essential via link/QR code above. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.

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# Gosnells Dental Therapy Centre

Good afternoon,

Due to staffing, please be advised our clinic hours will be changing from NEXT WEEK until further notice (starting from the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026).

We will be operating on Wednesdays & Fridays 8:00AM - 4:00PM only.

Should you require assistance on other days for any emergencies - please contact Harrisdale Dental Therapy Centre 9393 2482.

Kind regards,

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